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2021 WHAT A YEAR !

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

It seems like the year has went by pretty fast with a lot of things happening, some good - some bad.

Our 2021 Rayne Hamfest in March was cancelled due to the Covid 19 restrictions. This was a big “let down” to all those who attended in the past and a big “kink” in our club revenue, however 2022 promises to be a better year for our hamfest.

Hurricane Ida that hit Southeast Louisiana in late August caused extensive damage and loss of life. The storm devastated both Mississippi's and Louisiana's power grids, knocking out electricity to more than 1 million customers, including all of New Orleans, during late-summer sweltering heat.

A couple of Hamfests took place this year and the were the Shreveport Hamfest in August and the Greater New Orleans Hamfest in November, so maybe we are back on the road getting back to some kind of normality.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I have been looking for someone to volunteer as the LARC Newsletter. Brad Crosier K5FNB stepped in and will pick up as new editor beginning with the January 2022 issue. As you know, Joseph "Moe" Meaux, Jr. K2JDM had been editor up until April 2021 but had to retire due to medical and family problems so I picked for him with the May issue. I am sure everyone will support Brad in his new endeavor.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Club Officers & Volunteers -
Our club members who served
over the past year as listed on
page 2 of this newsletter.



VE Testing - Greg Dolan K5LFT for managing our VE Test sessions over the past year and according to my estimates there were 33 that tested with 19 Technicians, 9 Generals, and 4 Extras. There were a couple of months without anyone to test but Greg and his assistants showed up just in case. Thanks to Greg and his volunteer assistants.

2 Meter Net Control Operators

Monday Night Net - Danny KD5JSM, Barrett KG5SSO, Paul N5KNY, and Brandon KG5LOM.

Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net - Glen KF5FNP, David KG5JHR, & David K5XDF.

Silent Key Memorial Net & Ragchew Net - Danny KD5JSM.

Hopefully year 2022 will be somewhat better.

AARA CHRISTMAS BANQUET
December 2nd, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
“Dutch Treat”

Location: Golden Corral
3110 Ambassador Caffery
Lafayette, LA. 70506

NO VE TESTING AT THIS EVENT

2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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DATES TO REMEMBER**AARA CHRISTMAS
BANQUET****December 2nd, 2021 @ 6:00
PM****Golden Corral**3110 Ambassador Caffery
Lafayette, LA. 70506**Local 2-Meter Nets****Monday****AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM**
146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**Tuesday****Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00
PM 147.040+ PL 103.5 Lafayette,
LA****Wednesday****Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM**
146.820- PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**Thursday****Rag Chew Net 8:00 PM 443.000+**
5.000 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA**AARA Nomination Committee
2022 –2023**

As stated in the AARA Bylaws:

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS Section 1. *A nominating committee will be appointed by the President of the association at the November membership meeting each year and will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) voting members in good standing from the general membership. The president will designate the Chairperson.***Chairperson:** Michael Cavell KI5ARX,**Board Members:** Barret Oge KG5SSO, David DesOrmeaux N5DEZ and Jeremy Hoof KI5GIY.

If you have any prospective volunteers for offices, please contact the above committee members and put their names in the hat, however they have to be a paid up member in good standing and willing to serve.

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AARA CLUB CALL TRUSTEE'S**W5DDL -** David Redfern N5ELM**W5EXI -** Michael Cavell KI5ARX**K5CMA -** Chris Ancelet N5MCY**WEB MASTER**David M^CCutcheon KG5JHR**Date:** Thursday December 2, 2021**Location:** Golden Corral
3110 Ambassador Caffery
Lafayette, LA. 70506**Time:** 6:00 PM

Members and Guests will meet in the private dining room at 6:00 PM. This is a "Dutch Treat" event and you are expected to pay as you enter.

There will be some door prizes given away, so make sure you register and get a ticket.

Door Prizes:1st Prize \$100.00 Gift Certificate2nd Prize \$50.00 Gift Certificate3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Prizes \$25.00 Gift Certificates**COVID19 mandates may be required.****NO
VE TESTING AT THIS
MEETING**

2021 SKYWARN Recognition Day

December 4, 2021 from 0000z to 2400z



SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that SKYWARN™ volunteers make to the NWS mission, the protection of life and property.

Amateur radio operators comprise a large percentage of the SKYWARN™ volunteers across the country. The Amateur radio operators also provide vital communication between the NWS and emergency management if normal communications become inoperative.

All SKYWARN™ spotters provide critical weather information before, during and after adverse weather strikes. This includes reports of rain and snow, ice and wind, storms and tornadoes, flooding and fire. This is our 24 hours to recognize all of the SKYWARN™ spotters serving our nation!



NOTE: As of 11/13/2021 - The issuance of SRD numbers has been delayed. Plans are to have these numbers issued before the event begins.

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN™ radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN™ operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

1. **Object:** SKYWARN™ Recognition Day serves to celebrate the contributions to public safety made by amateur radio operators Skywarn Spotters during threatening weather.

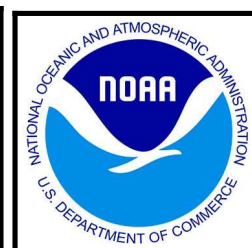
Amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

Non-Amateur Radio Spotters to exchange weather information as often as possible via Social Media with NWS Offices.

2. **Date:** NWS stations may operate at any time during December 5, 2020 from 0000 - 2400 UTC.
3. **Exchange:** Call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.).
4. **Modes:** NWS stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/NWS). NWS offices may also participate via Social Media platforms throughout the 24 hour period.
5. **Station Control Operator:** It is suggested that during SRD operations a non-NWS volunteer should serve as a control operator for your station.
6. **Event and QSL Information:** The National Weather Service will provide event information via the internet. Event certificates will once again be electronic and printable from the main website after the conclusion of SRD.

Website:

<https://www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition>



November 4th 2021 VE Test Session Results



The November AARA General Meeting held at the Candyland Cottage and Ice Cream Shoppe at 6:00 PM was a good one in as much as we have three new Techs and they are: Shawn Konecni of Lafayette, LA received his call KI5SND, James Zawistowski of Lafayette, LA received his call KI5SNC & Inga Waight of Libuse, LA received her call KI5SNB.

The VE's involved this evening were: Greg ~K5LFT, Dave ~N4ELM, Ray ~N5KIR, Michael ~KI5ARX & Chris ~N5MCY.

Congratulations to the testers & great big TNX to the VEs

If you desire to take a test, contact Greg K5LFT at:

k5lft@lusfiber.net

73 de Greg K5LFT.

Testing takes place each first Thursday of the month at the AARA General Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Rules and what you need to bring to a VE Test Session can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>



**NO VE TESTING IN
DECEMBER
NEXT TESTING WILL BE AT
THE JANUARY 2022
GENERAL MEETING**

Winter Field Day is Just Ahead

Field Day is not just for summertime anymore. Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association (WFDA), will take place over the January 28-29 weekend, and it can be a terrific time to prep for ARRL Field Day in June. The annual event's stated purpose is to encourage emergency operating preparedness in the winter, but it's also an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors. According to the WFDA, getting ready for emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that take place each June during ARRL Field Day, and — let's face it — it's not cold and snowy everywhere during the winter months. Your local climate could be quite the opposite.



"Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house," the WFDA says. "Get out and play some radio!" The WFDA said it believes that maintaining operating skills should not be limited to fair-weather scenarios.

The event, which got its start in 2007, is not restricted to North America. All Amateur Radio operators around the world are invited to participate, and there are three entry categories — indoor, outdoor, and home. The rules are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Operation will take place on all HF bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters, as well as on VHF, UHF, and satellite. The event runs 24 hours. US and Canadian stations exchange call sign, operating category, and ARRL or RAC section.

The WFDA encourages both group and solo operation, and if you're not up for an outdoor winter adventure involving Amateur Radio, you can operate from the comfort of your shack. As the WFDA says on its Facebook page, "The object is winter fun!"

Winter Field Day will be hosted by Steve Weber AF5VR on January 29th and 30th, 2022 at his location at 1529 Beaght St., Church Point, LA.

<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

KID'S DAY

January 1, 2022

Kids Day always runs from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC. Operate as much or as little as you like.

<http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>



Now is the time to consider updating your 2022 –2023 Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA). You can go to the following link and download the membership application form.

http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf

Good News!

As of 1530 hrs today November 17, 2021, the Lafayette SkyWarn Repeater is back on the air. As you may know, the Lafayette EOC/911 Center has been in a migration process for the past year. Because of that, and because of an internet attack potential the connectivity to the 145.37 system was unplugged. For the past several months we have been revisiting the status and logistics of the machine and today we finally were able to return the much needed repeater to service.



We are currently looking to the future and we have plans to upgrade the capabilities of the SkyWarn repeater. Presently, we are pursuing plans to significantly increase the antenna height, purchase and install a new commercial grade 144Mhz antenna, new feed line and also a new duplexer. If we can bring this plan into reality, there will be a dramatic performance benefit from this machine especially in the area of coverage.

We are currently also working on a new operating location for the Ham component of the EOC... more about that later!

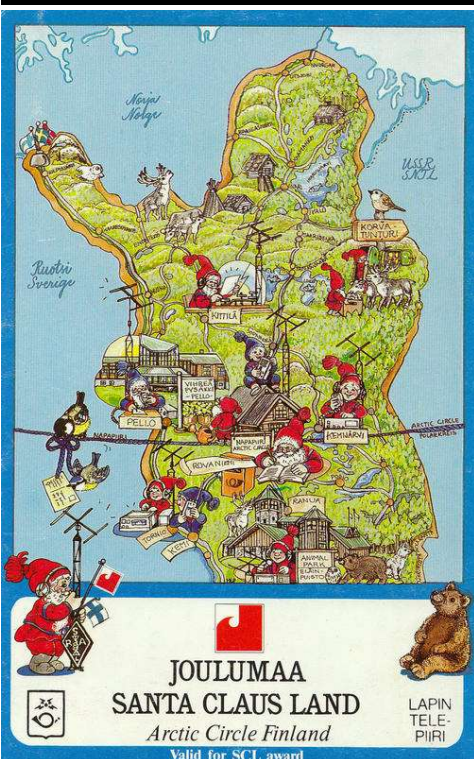
Glenn Thibodeaux and Steve Mahler have been indispensable in the effort to move this project along... many thanks to them.

73's
Ed Roy
W5TNK

Check out this website for more information on the SkyWarn Net on Tuesday evenings.
<http://www.w5ddl.org/skywarn.htm>

Be sure to check in on the 145.370 repeater on each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM for the **Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net**. Some very interesting information is shared with some training on handling traffic during emergencies. You can find more information on the 537 repeater at: <https://kizzy03.wixsite.com/kf5vh>

You can download a .PDF map of the ACADIANA SKYWARN & EMCOMM VHF / UHF FREQUENCIES and Quadrant Map at:
<http://www.w5ddl.org/files/Acadiana%20EMCOMM%20Map.pdf>



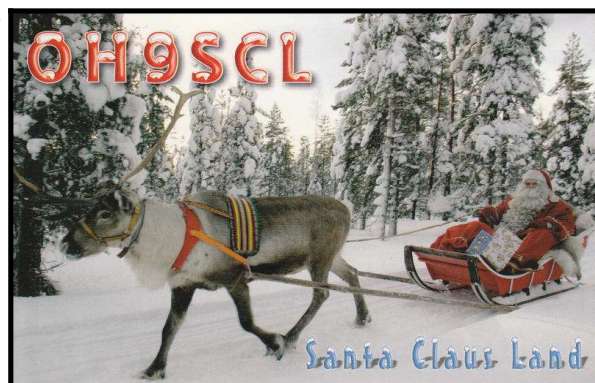
SANTA'S OWN HAM RADIO STATION

Santa's own amateur radio station **OH9SCL** has been busy since December 1986, operating in Finnish Lapland at the Arctic Circle. The North of the country is well-known as Santa Claus Land as we have been told since childhood here in Finland. The most activity takes place during December, operated by local radioamateurs helped with visitor operators. The picture with the map shows the original QSL-card from 1986.

Activity will be mostly on HF-bands on all modes from Lapland northern part of Finland, let's see on the bands!

Note: you can be assured that your signal will be received exactly at the Arctic Circle or inside, in The Magical Lapland!

<https://www.qrz.com/db/OH9SCL>



SELARC 40th Annual Hammond Hamfest (2022)



Date: Saturday, January 15, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Talk-In:** 147.000 PL 107.2

Admission: \$5.00 per person - includes 1 raffle ticket

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00 each

Location: Pennington Student Activity Center
1350 North General Pershing Street
Hammond, LA 70401

On campus of Southeastern LA University at intersection of University Avenue & North General Pershing Street. (Take Exit 32 from I-55, Go East 1.5 Miles on University Avenue to North General Pershing Street)

FREE PARKING



DELTA
DIVISION

Because of the limited availability of new radios from various vendors, we have opted for cash prizes!!

1st Prize - \$500.00

2nd Prize - \$250.00

3rd Prize - \$125.00

4th Prize - \$100.00

Hourly Door Prizes

Main Prize Drawing @ 2:00 PM

Winners need not to be present to win these prizes.

VE Session - 8:00 AM

\$15.00 + Photo ID and copy of license or CSCE

Forums

ARRL, LCARC, ARES

If you are interested in doing a short presentation, please contact us!!

VENDORS

ARRL

Sign Man of Baton Rouge

NaviCom

Ham World Inc.

More to come as times get closer.

Flyer: (.JPG .PDF)

<https://cms.selarc.org/attachments/article/67/HF%202022%20flyer%20-%209%20Nov%202021.jpg>

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wb5net@arrl.net

P.O. Box 1324

Hammond, LA 70404

SWAP TABLES

1st table \$15.00 - additional tables \$10.00 each, limit 3 tables per person.

75% of items on tables must be Amateur Radio or Computer related !! You may setup your tables on Fri. evening, after 4:00 pm!!

Go to website to download "Swap Table" application form.



Santa Net 2021 On The Air!

Every year on 3916 KHz, we give good little boys and girls a chance to talk to Santa Claus at the North Pole! It is indeed a magical experience to experience kids talking with Santa through the magic of Amateur Radio!

The Santa Net is on the air every night, November 26th through December 24th at 7:15 PM Central.

To participate in The Santa Net, just have your kids prepared to tell Santa their top 2-3 gift wishes.

Ho! Ho! Ho!
SANTA'S ON HAM RADIO

NOVEMBER 2021 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net Monday 7:00 PM - 146.820	4	52	Ø	118	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net Tuesday 7:00 PM - 147.040	4	34	Ø	143	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net Wednesday 7:00 PM - 146.820	4	40	Ø	125	KD5JSM Danny
Rag Chew Net Thursday 8:00 PM - 433.000	2	10	Ø	154	KD5JSM Danny

“Lost time is never found again.”

—Benjamin Franklin

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Danny Daigle KD5JSM is the AARA Monday Night Net Manager and he is in charge of scheduling the Net Control Operators. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the December 2021 rotation:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
12/06	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
12/13	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	OPEN
12/20	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Barrett KG5SSO
12/27	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Brandon KG5LQM

The December 2021 repeater schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

Check into the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn net on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on **The 145.370 SkyWarn repeater is Back on the air at this time.**

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

At this time the **AADIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.** would like to wish all of our amateur friends a:



2022



Happy Birthday

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

12/08	KG5PUL	CANE
12/09	NA5Q	ROLAND
12/13	KI5OQE	WALTER
12/16	K2JDM	JOSEPH
12/20	KG5SSO	BARRETT
12/22	KD5VPC	GERARD
12/23	KI5NZD	CHARLINE
01/01	K5QXJ	NICK
01/03	KE5UPM	AL
01/05	W5AG	ARCHIE
01/05	AB5GI	ERIC

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



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AARA
CHRISTMAS BANQUET
Thursday December 2nd
6:00 PM
Location:
Golden Corral
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Lafayette, LA. 70506

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Crock-Pot Brown Sugar Glazed Ham

By Lena Abraham
<https://www.delish.com/>

Ingredients:

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1 cup apple cider
1/4 cup Dijon Mustard
1/4 tsp smoked paprika

1/4 cup Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp garlic powder
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 (4-6 lb.) spiral cut ham

Directions:

1. Combine sugar, honey, cider, mustard, paprika and garlic powder in a medium sauce pan and season with salt and pepper. Whisk ingredients together and bring to a simmer. Cook until reduced slightly, about 5-7 minutes.
2. Place ham in slow cooker and separate slices slightly. Pour glaze over ham and place lid on slow cooker. Basting every hour, cook on low for 4-6 hours depending on size of the ham. Serve with the glaze on the side.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554